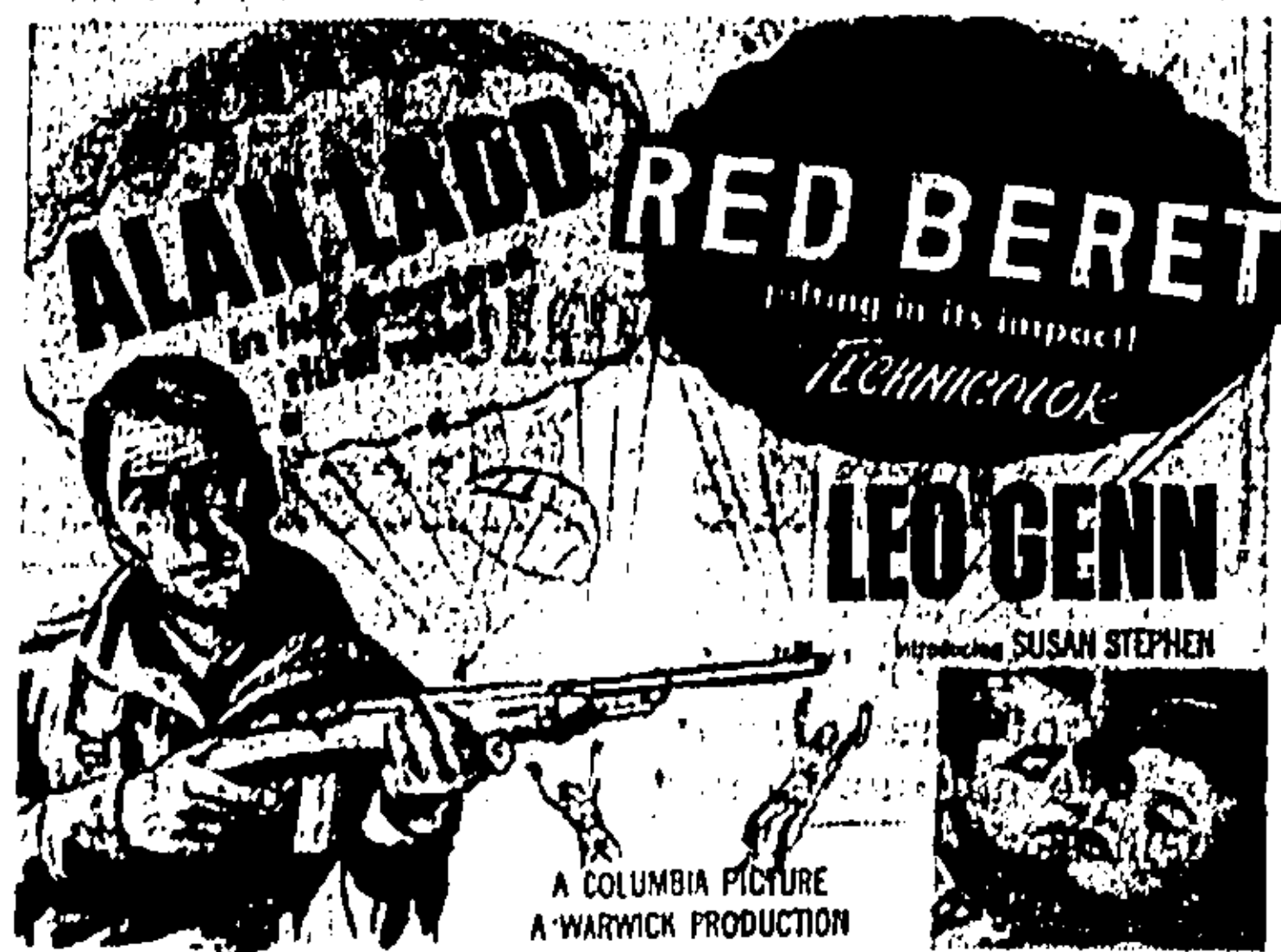


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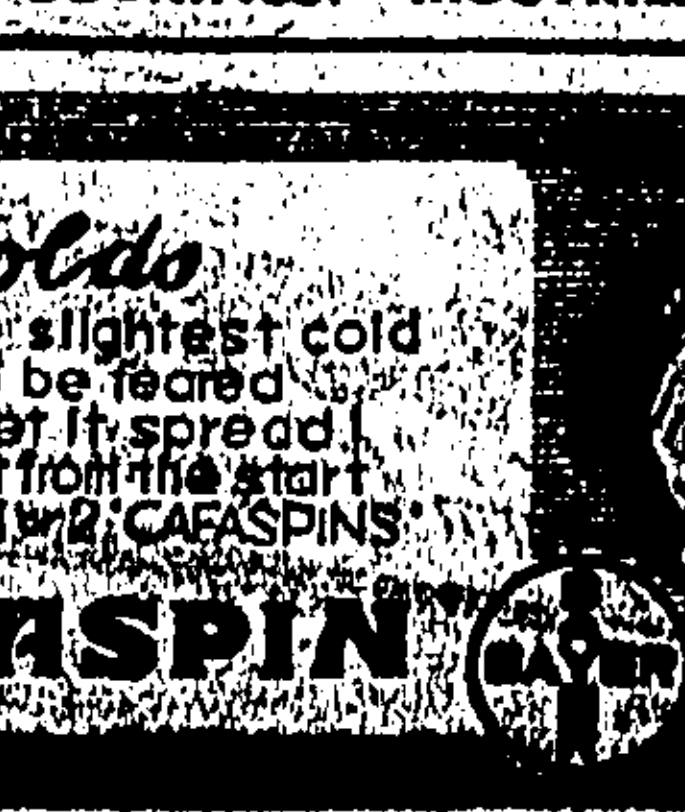
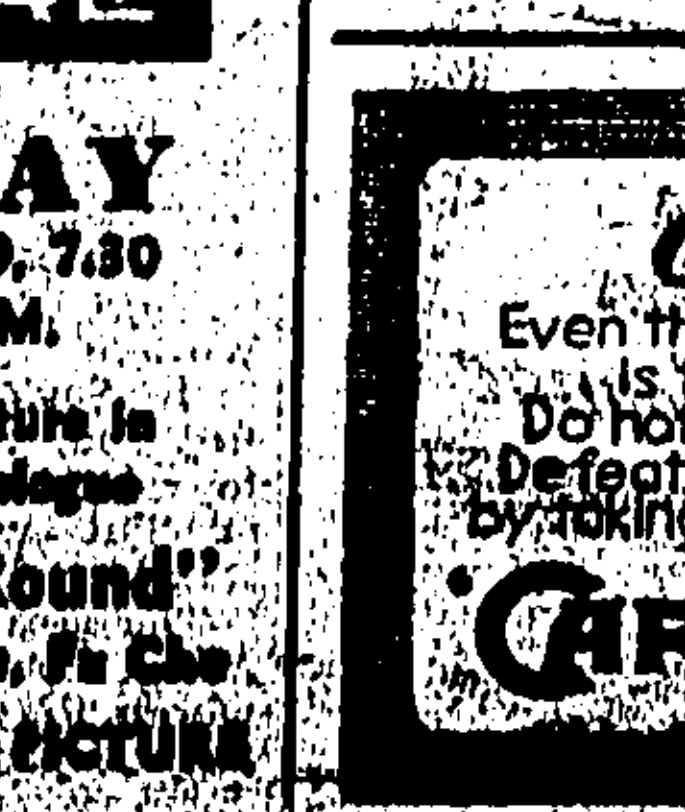
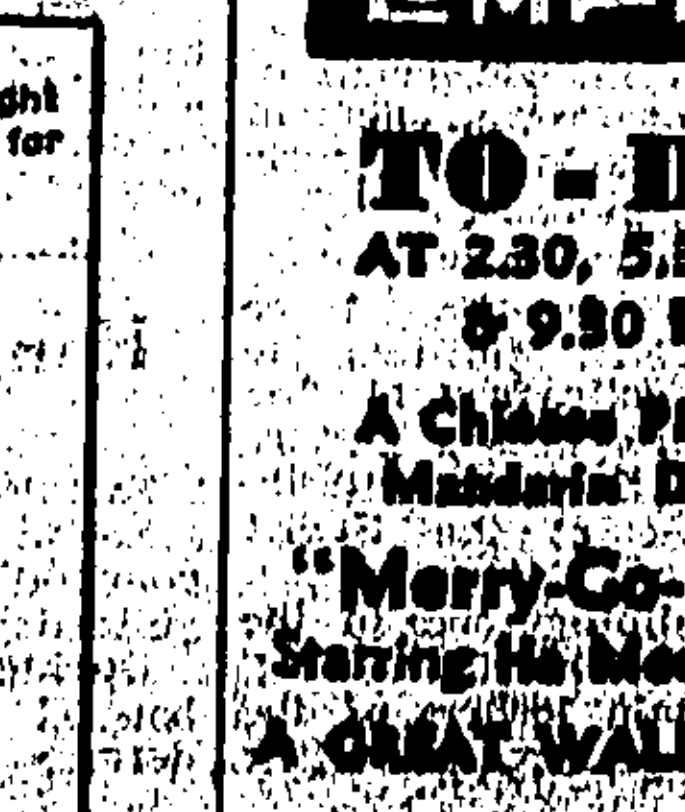
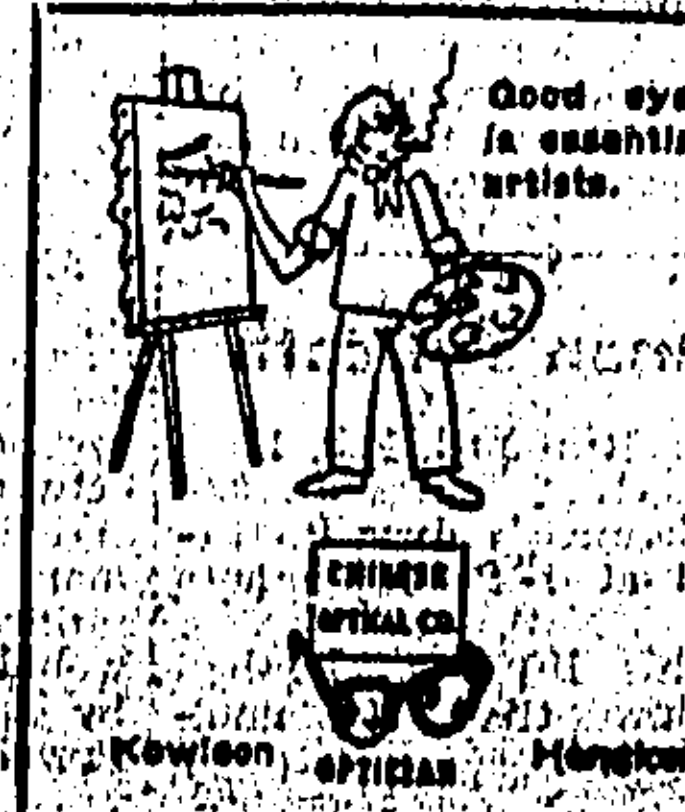
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LANIEL BACKS BIDAULT

ON E.D.C.
But Ratification Is
Up To Assembly

The French Premier, M. Joseph Laniel, yesterday backed the support given at Berlin by his Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, to the proposed European defence community.

A Reuter report from Paris today said the atmosphere in the French National Assembly at present was more hostile to the ratification of the European Army Treaty than at any time since it was signed.

Paris, Feb. 11. The support given at Berlin by the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, to the proposed European defence community was backed by the French Premier, M. Joseph Laniel, today.

Addressing the National Assembly Foreign Affairs Committee, the Premier emphasised the fact that all the statements made by M. Bidault in Berlin were in conformity with the wishes expressed by the French parliament.

But, with the objections of certain French groups in mind, the Premier added that while M. Bidault had explained that the European defence treaty was a fundamental part of French policy, the French parliament had full rights regarding ratification.

Speaking after the Premier, who is acting as Foreign Minister during M. Bidault's absence, M. Maurice Schuman, the Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, stressed the fact that the French delegation in Berlin wished to lose no opportunity to achieve peace in Indo-China.

The statements were seen by political observers in Paris tonight to indicate that the issue of the European defence treaty was still one of the major factors in French politics and that parliament still remained divided in its attitude.

Only two parties have made their views known—the Christian Democrats, who are in favour, and the Communists, who are in opposition. At the present time, it is impossible to say whether there is a majority one way or the other.

GERMAN STRENGTH
A report drawn up by the Foreign Affairs Committee states that, on the whole, conditions on European defence laid down by the French parliament have been taken into consideration in Berlin, but that the situation can alter from day to day with the final admission of Germany to the Atlantic Pact organisation with a rapid increase in the strength of her armed forces.

An increase of German armed strength, observers pointed out, was feared by many opponents of the European defence union, but another major factor was the opposition of Frenchmen who feel that the treaty would deprive France of part of her national sovereignty.

Certain de Gaulleists are known to oppose the treaty just on this ground—that the troops themselves might be strongly opposed to incorporation in a European army since regimental traditions and esprit de corps would necessarily go by the board.

But the strongest arguments in favour of the pact are similar to those of former Premier Robert Schuman, who has told the National Assembly that the aim of E.D.C. is to protect Europe against disequilibrium in the face of Soviet strength and to prevent a re-birth of German militarism by keeping it under effective control.

But although M. Bidault may give his support to the community in Berlin, the issue is by no means decided in Paris.

MORE HOSTILE
The battle for ratification by France of the European Army Treaty started in earnest today with the publication of the report on the treaty prepared by Ex-Minister, Socialist Jules Moch, rapporteur of the French Foreign Affairs Commission of the National Assembly.

The treaty will now for the first time since it was signed by the Government in May, 1952 be examined clause by clause by Parliament first in the Commission and later by the whole Assembly.

The atmosphere at the present time is more hostile to the

treaty than at any time since it was signed.

M. Moch states the treaty would constitute "a prodigious reversal of our alliances" meaning the linking of France's future with Germany instead of the traditional reliance on England and the West.

TROUBLED CONSCENCES
"No vote will have troubled the consciences of the members of the Assembly as much as that authorising the President of the Republic to ratify this treaty," he said.

Adversaries of the treaty have been criticising the French Foreign Secretary, M. Georges Bidault, for having said that Germany would be free to make its own decision about joining the European Army.

Rapporteur Moch confirms in his report that the treaty makes it clear that this is correct. But the adversaries point out that this means that by ratifying the treaty, France hopes to get real control over Germany's future policy in the military field, since the unification of Germany one day must be reckoned with.

This point is likely to weigh against ratification when the decisive debate takes place, probably some time in March in the National Assembly—Reuter and France-Press.

Russian Orders
Within Grasp Of
UK Businessmen

London, Feb. 11.

The Spectator, rightwing weekly review, said today the prize of £400,000,000 worth of Russian held out to British businessmen in Moscow was not yet within their grasp but it was near enough "to give them encouragement."

The journal declared: "Even if half this amount is secured it will lead to business with Russia of sufficient size and importance to make all the fuss about trade with Japan look even sillier than it does at the moment."

It seemed that Sir Winston Churchill's judgment that something important and encouraging had happened to the official Russian attitude to the outside world had a solid basis.

The new trade agreement between Russia and Finland which allows the Finns to turn some of their export surplus to the Soviet Union into currency expendable in the West was another indication of something like "encouragement."

"Something like a coral island is growing up under the sea of hostility until it breaks the surface to that day when Moscow makes its first real concession in foreign policy," China Mail Special.

China Has Russian-Built
Bombers In The South

Washington, Feb. 11.

The Chinese Communists have Russian built bombers and fighters, Russian made weapons and equipment and Russian supplied fuel, Mr. Claire Chennault, former U.S. Air Commander, said today.

Mr. Chennault, now Chairman of the Formosan Airlift Civil Air Transport Company on a visit to Washington, said the Communists had built up the "capability to operate" a large air force in South China.

He said they were building and improving airfields along the border with Indo-China and were stockpiling supplies there. He added that Russian-built MIG-15 fighters and Tupolov-TU2 bombers had been moved

Glamour For WRAF
At Last

London, Feb. 12.

The Air Ministry announced today that women in the WRAF are to have new, platform specially designed for feminine form and they are going to be allowed to wear black court shoes.

New designs for number one home dress uniform for both officers and airwomen have now been approved. A new tropical dress has also been designed for all ranks.

The new uniforms have been cut specifically for feminine form and not adapted from men's uniform, as was the case in the present dress. The jacket is shorter, shoulders less square and waist more emphasised.

The close-fitting single-breasted jacket is belted, has four gilt Royal Air Force buttons and is cut away in front with well-rounded corners. Two front and back panels have piped seams.

Unlike the present style the jacket has no breast pockets but has two pockets below the waist and a slightly flared skirt with six panels.

The officers' uniform differs from the airwomen's in design of pockets.

The first supplies for airwomen will be received early in 1955. Except on ceremonial occasions, when black service pattern laced shoes are worn, new uniforms may be worn with plain black punched calf court shoes.

Court shoes, a revolution in British service wear, will be an optional item of dress to be purchased by both officers and airwomen. — China Mail Special.

Singapore's Mace Has
A Comet And
A Tea Clipper On It

London, Feb. 11.

Singapore's new civic mace was on view in London today. It is the gift of Loke Wan Tho, Chinese millionaire.

Connoisseurs of the fine arts as well as people interested in Singapore and Malaya went to see it.

The mace is more than four feet long and its value runs well into four figures. Its silver and brilliant enamel glittered beneath powerful lights as it stood on a small carpeted dais a room overlooking the grey river Thames.

"It is a magnificent piece of work," said Raja Sir Uda, the Malay Commissioner in London.

The designer was Mr. C. O. Pilkington Jackson. "I feared that the mace would be too ornate," he was asked to incorporate in my design 37 different things from coats of arms and figures to Mayban flowers, plants and animals. I had to do a lot by guess and by God," he said.

"On the gilt faces of the knob of the mace are conventionalised forms of a comet aeroplane, a tea clipper and another ship described as a leleh."

"Among the Malayan experts present today there was some mystification as to what a leleh is. One said he had never heard the word and did not know what it meant."

Jackson said it was an opium cutter. One of the professors of Raffles University, he explained, had sent him a photograph which was an exhibition.

Mr. Jackson said he believed his handiwork would have as long a life as any of the famous maces of the present day.

"The oldest mace in use in Britain was made in Paris in 1400. It is to be found at the University of St Andrews, Scotland. I think the mace I have designed in Singapore is sturdier than the one at St Andrews," he added.—China Mail Special.

Women Found
Strangled

London, Feb. 11.

Lady Mary Menzies and her 42-year-old daughter were found strangled today in a nursing home for old people which they owned in a fashionable London suburb.

Superintendent Tom Barratt and Scotland Yard officers immediately opened an investigation. Lady Mary and her daughter, Mrs. Isabel Veronica Chenevix, were found early today in the home they ran for 20 old men and women.

Mrs. Edith Jell, one of the old women who lived in the home, said she heard "noises" in the house about midnight. The bodies were found this morning. Police handled the questioning of the old people as though it were a case of burglary.

The police would say only that one man was sought for questioning. They were also seeking further identification of Lady Mary, who is not listed in Debrett's Peerage. It is believed that her title is of Scottish origin and may not still be valid.—United Press.

Reporters
Taken To Task

Sydney, Feb. 11.

The Sydney Daily Telegraph said today some of the reporters covering the Royal tour for English newspapers "are telling a very cockeyed story to their readers."

They write two set pieces. One suggests we are destroying Her Majesty's health; the other that we might kill her. Each is nonsense.

"Reports that the Queen is tired would be taken seriously if backed by complaints from the people changed with caring for Her Majesty. But there have been no complaints from Government House," the paper said.

Of the Sydney crowds, it said: "Sure enough they are a very different proposition from the class of ill-mannered Londoners. But for all their noise and pushing and shoving they love and cherish their Queen."

"They will take good care of her while she is here. Never since she came here has the Queen been in danger."—Reuter.

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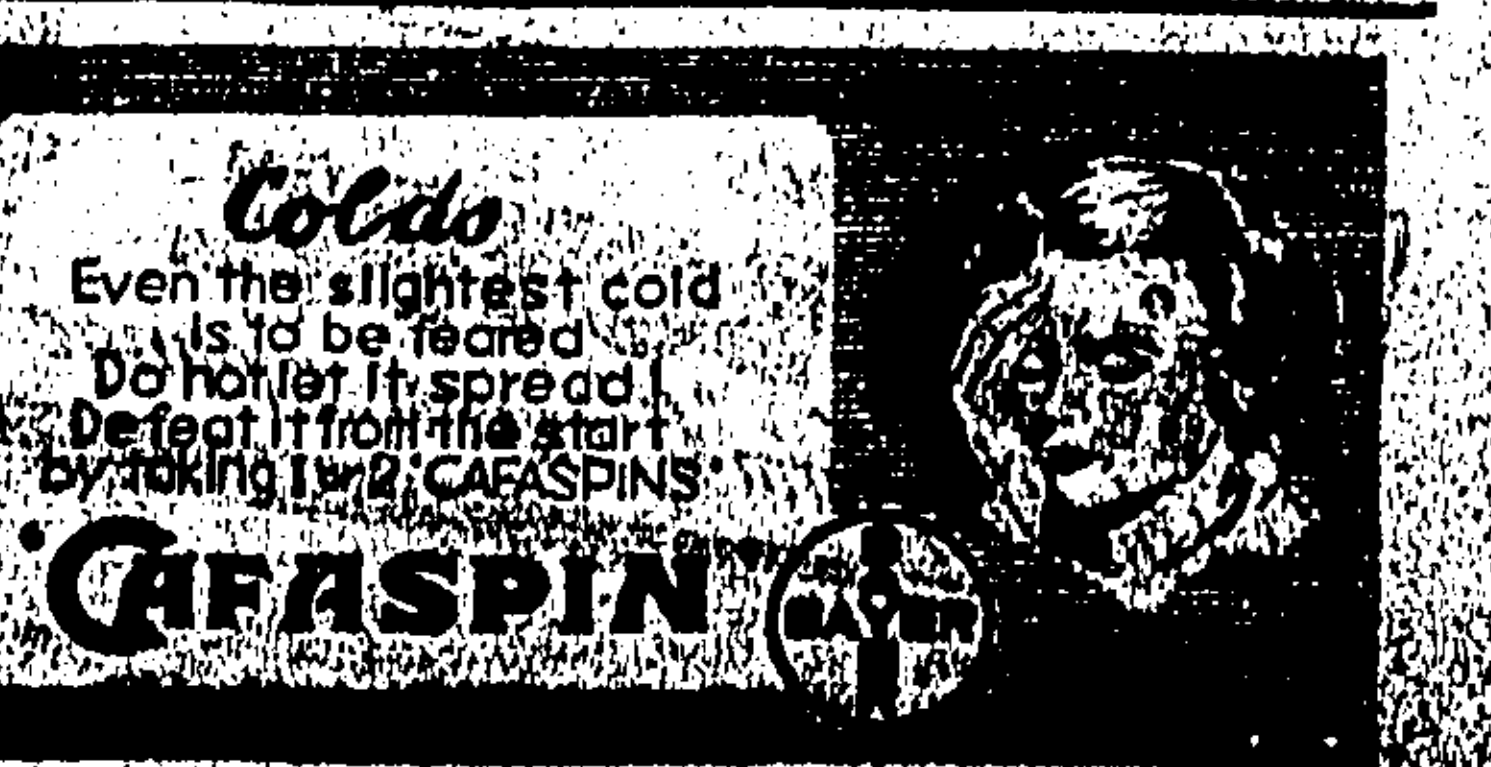
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"There Would Be Certain Advantages" Says General John Hull

Reports have said the South Korean President, Dr. Syngman Rhee, has personally offered General Hull one and possibly two divisions for the Indo-China war.

Contact Made With Missing Yacht

In addition to Crawford, the crewmen were identified as Paul Hurst, Ford Hinkel and Frank Roth.—United Press.

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12	Shunned (7).	9	Incident (5).
13	Cuniling (5).	11	Nourished (8).
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17	Always (4).	13	Spotted (6).
19	Alack (6).	14	Leak (4).
20	Remote (6).	16	Colour (6).
21	Buffet (2).	22	Bill of fare (4).
23	Vigilant (5).		
24	Getaway (6).		
25	Dark (5).		
26	Directed (6).		

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD — Across: 1. Acorn; 2. Scabbard; 3. Paces; 4. Adorable; 11. Shellers; 12. And; 13. Drove; 18. Metal; 19. Opal; 23. Combined; 24. Corporal; 25. Sotter; 26. Reticent; 27. Dew; 1. Spasm; 4. Wren; 4. Seashell; 4. Cede; 5. Bare; 6. Auburn; 7. Dreaded; 10. Order; 12. Tutor; 13. Sample; 14. Concur; 17. Catnip; 20. Tulle; 21. Ashy; 22. Combs.

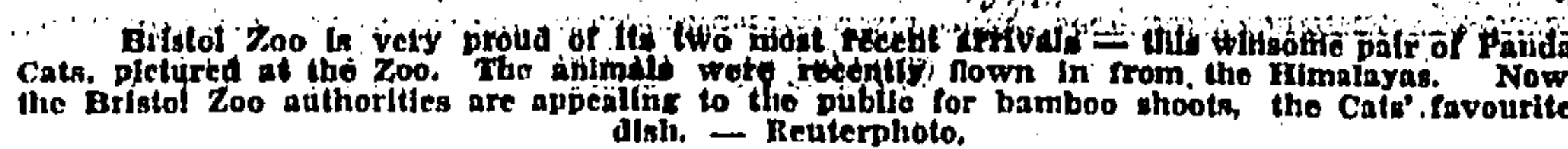
OEEC Stresses Need For Higher Output

But this would be partly offset by a greater overseas demand for European goods.

With the primary producing countries stepping up their exports to Europe they would be able to buy more from the continent.—Reuter.

Washington, Feb. 11. — The Foreign Operations Administration today announced an allotment of \$200,000 (about £7,000,000) in EOPF for the purchase of agricultural commodities in the Celler area. The Agency and the all-India Support Programme, and details would be made public later.

The Administration also announced an allotment of \$1,000,000 (about £3,000,000) in FY 1965 for the purchase of agricultural commodities in the Celler area.



BRING AN END

The Premier declared, "We shall support every effort made within the framework of UNO aimed at relaxing or bringing an end to the embargo."

serious effect on the country's foreign currency reserves.

"Our exchange rate is not a gold standard. In 1983, there was 100 cent in the market of 1983. They were about 100 cent and now they are about 54 per cent," he said.

He said this inflation and currency devaluation policy on the exchange rate is not a new thing. It has been going on since the 1970s.

**He Let 750
For The**

For ever since he was 19 he has worked at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Bacteriology. Now he is chief bacteriologist of the pathological bacteriology.

It was shortly before Christmas 1918 that he showed interest in the disease which he was then working on, and he was the first to suggest that it was not a new disease, but a reversion to an old one.

Now this is a very important point, and it is one which has been proved by the work of the Committee on the Disease.

The parade was taken by the Minister of Defence, Field Marshal Eam Alexander. He presented the "Sword of Honour" to the best cadet of the year, Lord P. T. De La Poer Beresford of Portlaoine County, Waterford. He is heir of the Marquess of Waterford.

Of the 7,000 cadets on parade, 225 passed out.—*China Mail*

They also said the Indian government was not in favour of the mountain being climbed.

They also said the Sherpa guide Tensing had been invited, like themselves, to visit the United States but the Indian government wanted him in India to organise a school of mountaineering.

Sir Edmund will give two lectures here for the National Geographic Society. — United Press.

"Mrs. Milbourne said: "We just like ordinary people. Then Milbourne—he, from Altwick, Northumberland went on. "As soon as son was born I asked the n to unwrap the shawl so I could be sure he had two o
"I want him to do good them: mine were only used destruction."
Paratrooper Milbourne

Calcutta, Feb. 10. Some 2,000 students of Bengal school-leaving class and better students of the intermediate class, started a shift system of picketing the Government secretariat building here tonight, warning that they were prepared for days if necessary. The strike movement was headed by the student leader, leader of the student body, at the moment since the strikers in their picketing demonstration, they made no attempt to break through the double police cordoned zone of the building.



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On his way into Town Sir Churchill stopped at a rifle range for a trial shoot with the new Belgian arm, scoring a bull. Asked if he were about to retire on his hundredth birthday he replied "It's a delusion!"

GRAND OLD EVERGREEN

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HE SHOULDERS A KEY PROBLEM

THE wide, onk desk in the Board of Trade building seems to dwarf him, he talks softly, he goes out of his way to avoid publicity.

Yet he is the man on whose shoulders Britain has dumped the problem of her survival... He is Minister of State for Overseas Trade, Derick Heathcoat-Amory.

But look again. As he rises to take your hand, you see wide, square shoulders. Behind the horn-rimmed glasses grey eyes with a perpetual twinkle have scrutinized you minutely.

The voice—there's still a rumble of Devon there—carries an immediate friendliness. It hesitates—not reaching for the word which will have a telling effect, but for the phrase to put you at ease.

You suspect that this man can be—and perhaps is—a power, and you wonder if there is some magic there, too.

The official biographies do not help. They tell you that Derick Heathcoat-Amory is 54, that he went to Eton, then to Oxford, and that he managed his father's textile business in Tiverton until the war, when he joined the Army as a staff officer. In July 1945 he became MP for Tiverton, was a dutiful Tory backbencher, and emerged suddenly in 1951 as Minister of Pensions. There, he served without public notice until the Ministry ceased to be and he was transferred to the Board of Trade, the hottest spot, perhaps, in the British Government.

War Record

BUT such a skeleton life story leaves a distorted impression. Take that war record for instance. As a staff officer and a Lieutenant-Colonel (over 40) he might easily have found himself a soft spot far removed from the heat of battle. In fact, he insisted on being trained as a paratrooper.

In 1944, he dropped on Arnhem, and emerged from the

By Les Armour

new historic stand with serious leg wounds.

He fought the 1945 general election on crutches and won a resounding victory while his fellow Tories were disappearing under the Socialist landslide.

His stay at Oxford ran counter to convention, too. He began by studying science, followed it assiduously for two years, then switched suddenly to take a history degree.

Ask him about it and he simply laughs and says: "The stinks were too much for me. I preferred the easy chair, anyhow."

That switch was symptomatic of the roving, inquiring turn of mind which has characterized him ever since.

Telling Years

THE telling years, though, were those between the wars, the years when, after taking an accounting course, he went back to Devon to take part in the active management of the 140-year-old family business.

Politically those were his "years in the wilderness." A convinced Liberal, he realized the chances of his party ever assuming office were slim. But he felt "the gap between the two major parties was too wide to be healthy."

A party in the centre—if only to make possible middle-of-the-road ideas—was essential. Those were years that Derick Heathcoat-Amory devoted to forging a practical alternative between the extremes of private and state domination.

To him, politics and business have always been inseparable. The family business provided him with the backbone of his ideology. It grew up in the Midlands, where his ancestors were in the forefront of the industrial revolution in textiles. More than a century ago the family factory was destroyed in the Luddite riots by workers who bitterly resisted mechanization.

Profit-sharing

THE Government paid compensation, but the directors decided to move south into peaceful Devon—and take a nucleus of faithful workers with them. Since then the business has existed in comparative isolation in the midst of a still predominantly agricultural area, and its workers—most often generation after generation of the same family—have come to identify themselves with the business.

More than 60 years ago a tentative profit-sharing plan was worked out. By 1923, when Derick came back from Oxford, the scheme was well developed. He set about expanding it. He and a brother put aside a fifth of the company's shares as a trust fund for employees. The profit-sharing scheme was widened so that the workers received the largest proportion of the profits remaining after capital investment.

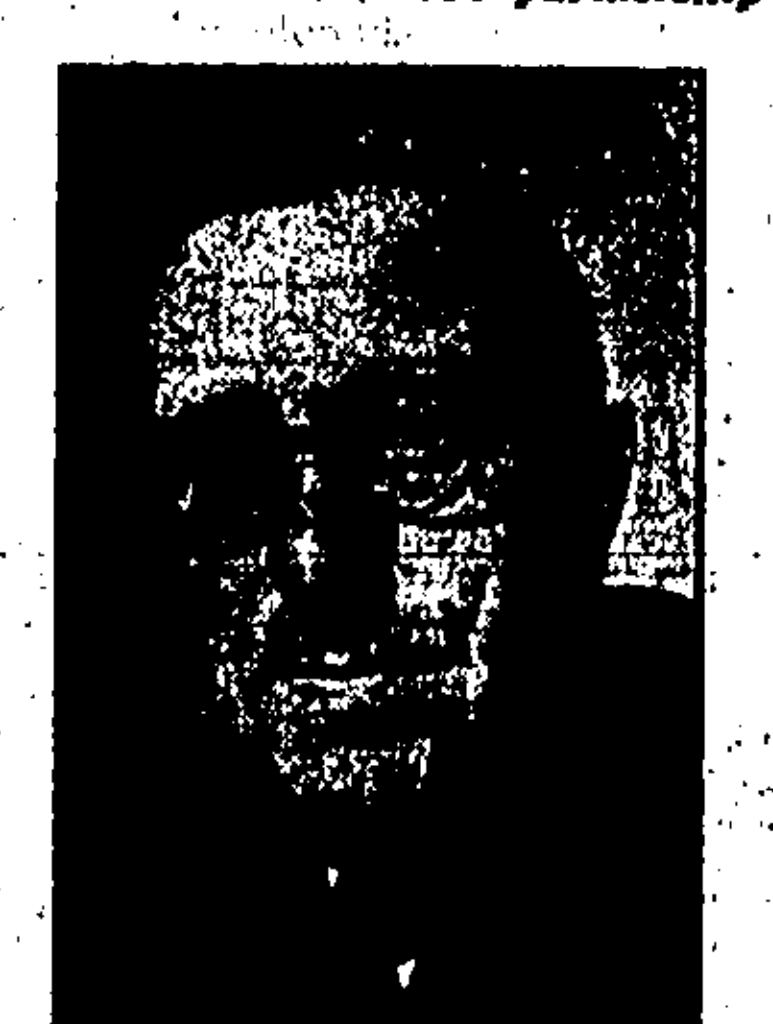
The plan was divided into main units, each group of workers elected a "profit-sharing committee" which was integrated with the Ministry of Health, it

ran so smoothly, indeed, that it almost never made the headlines. Newspaper files on Derick Heathcoat-Amory, as a result, are almost bare.

But MP's on both sides of the House acquired a deep respect for the quiet Minister. Complaints from their constituents were dealt with quickly, and almost always to everybody's satisfaction. Unfailingly pension applicants got the benefit of the doubt—a humane touch too rare in the world of red tape.

Thus equipped with a rich background of formal education tempered in the heat of practical activity, he was an obvious choice when the Government determined to put a man of Ministerial rank in charge of overseas trade.

Can Listen



Heathcoat-Amory

Association of which he is chairman.

In the same period he developed his interest in agriculture and, as Mayor of Tiverton, received a thorough grounding in local government.

After a visit to Canada in the late 1920's, he founded Devon's first Young Farmers Movement—the idea came from a group in western Canada—and guided it to its present flourishing state.

He turned to the Tory Party just before the war "when it became clear that the Tories had developed a left wing and the Socialists a right wing so that there was no longer any real need to be a Liberal."

At the war's end, a combination of conviction and circumstance forced him on to the hustings.

The member for Tiverton was retiring. The prospective candidate was Derick's cousin, but he was killed in the closing stages of the war.

Ran Smoothly

A DELEGATION of local Conservatives—including some of his own employees—urged him to stand. He spoke regularly but quietly, usually offering information on business, agriculture and his hobby, education. In 1951, the Conservative Chief Whip suggested him for the Pensions Ministry to the astonishment of most Tories. "Mr. Churchill agreed," and the Ministry went with "Mr. Heathcoat-Amory."

A LADY FRETS OVER THE GIs

and gets an answer from RENE MACCOLL

ONCE again THAT TOPIC is up for discussion on both sides of the Atlantic. Yes, our old friend Anglo-American Relations.

Just now the fat is crackling furiously in the fire again.

In the U.S. our Washington ambassador, tall and saturnine Sir Roger Makins, hastens to assure Americans that although it is "fashionable" to say that A-A-R have never been worse, he knows that, "as between Governments, this is not true."

Hope he's right. I wouldn't know. But whatever the top-level boys think about things, what really matters is how we are jogging along together as between peoples.

Where, as peoples, we are in day-to-day contact—in the give-and-take between the 55,000 young American airmen stationed among us and the British who live near their bases.

How goes that large experiment in peacetime living? The other day the London correspondent of an American magazine which has a monthly circulation of 18,000,000, wrote an important article for his magazine. It consisted of a report on the G.I.s in Britain, and was a serious and fair-minded assessment of what was good and bad about the situation.

Came As Shock

Some of his findings came as a shock to me. He wrote: "When a G.I. [in Britain] enters a railway station waiting room people turn their backs. When they do talk with him they do it patronisingly."

But the correspondent also described an incident at a public meeting where "a G.I. standing in the crowd was taunted by a Communist speaker. An Englishman walked up and punched the orator on the nose, explaining 'I knew you wanted to but couldn't. So I did it for you.'"

He justly stresses the big jump in friendly sentiment following quick G.I. help after the Harrow train smash and the East Coast floods.

But now see what happens. Into the office of the Daily Express comes a letter from a lady in Lexington, Kentucky.

She has read the magazine article. But, apparently, instead of assimilating it as a balanced whole she seizes on a single paragraph in which the writer listed some very unfriendly epithets which have allegedly been applied to American airmen by angry villagers at one time or another. "I don't think

our boys are appreciated over there," she writes indignantly.

Another cause for interchanged snafus is the alleged "gouging" of American airmen on British house rentals. I have no personal proof that this is so, but I am prepared to believe that it has happened, human nature being what it is.

I am also prepared to believe that sometimes young G.I.s are too ready to flash their wads of greenbacks around, and "put on the dog" about their wealth. Human nature again—but not especially American, any more than rent gouging is a British monopoly.

Explosive

These young Americans are not living among us by choice. They are here because they were ordered to come. They have got to make the best of it.

The problems they present, although heightened by the fact that they are in a country not their own, and have got more money than our men, are roughly the same as those raised by any peacetime garrison anywhere.

I still think that when you stop to consider all the explosive possibilities that were lying around as a consequence of planking down 55,000 youths and men from small American towns near some of our big cities or in the depths of our countryside, it is a near-miracle that things have worked out as well as they have. At this point I have scrupulously to make a frank confession. I went to supper the other night with a charming American officer who is stationed, with his wife, in London.

It was just after a light-hearted piece of mine had appeared in which I kidded an American senator and the ex-commander of the Boston Yacht Club for having "sounded off" about Britain with advice which I thought misplaced.

As soon as I sat down with my American friends I was roundly accused of being "anti-American" because of the article. And it was said only half-jokingly.

Very Sensitive

The Americans are still pretty sensitive to any criticisms about themselves; but that is partly because it is only recently that they got up in business as a great world power.

Anyway, I am off to New York and Washington again to have a look at matters over there. And of three things I feel quite sure—

THAT the Statue of Liberty will still be standing when I arrive.
THAT on the same day in different New York papers I shall read headlines announcing: "Expect Sees Recession in '54" and "Boom to Continue in Prediction".
THAT when I return to these shores some people, somewhere, will still be worrying themselves sick about A-A-R.



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ENGLAND NEED 281 RUNS FOR VICTORY WITH SEVEN WICKETS TO FALL

Bridgetown, Feb. 11.

England were still 281 runs behind, with Len Hutton, Peter May and Willie Watson out, at the close of play today in the second Test match against the West Indies, who had earlier declared and set England the formidable task of getting 495 runs for victory.

The scoreboard at the drawing of stumps was: West Indies, 383 and 292 for two declared; England, 181 and 214 for three.

Hutton played a captain's innings before being caught by Worrell off Ramadhin for 72.

He mixed aggression with caution in a flawless knock.

His second wicket stand with May realised 107 runs after Watson was dismissed for a "duck", and with Denis Compton he put on 73 runs for the third wicket.

Compton was 65 not out at the close and Gravney not out five.

After the West Indies had declared this morning at 292 for

two, England made a disastrous opening in their second innings.

Willie Watson, England opening bat, was dismissed with only one run scored. He edged the last delivery of the first over from King to wicketkeeper McWatt.

Peter May started uncertainly but after a conference with Hutton the pair adopted very different methods from those used in the first innings.

LITTLE RELIEF

They gave Ramadhin and Valentine little relief taking boundaries off both. Ramadhin conceded four runs in his first two overs and after a while began to bowl faster and shorter, and appeared less likely to pitch on a worn spot.

Hutton was also batting aggressively and in the 56 minutes to lunch England had scored 50.

May and Hutton produced some dazzling strokes in their quest for runs. Hutton sent up 100 in 95 minutes with an effortless late cut for four off Aldkinson. The crowd cheered and obviously appreciated the England batting.

Gomez and Atkinson cut down the scoring rate and when May tried to break the spell by an effortless late cut for four off Aldkinson, he was well caught at slip. He batted attractively for an hour and 45 minutes for his 62, which included 11 fours.

Compton started nervously but gained confidence with two fours in one over off Valentine. Hutton was a little more restrained than before. He reached his 50 in two hours and 20 minutes, hitting seven fours.

Compton scored more quickly and at tea the pair were together with 149 on the board.

England, 2nd Innings

L. Hutton, c. Worrell b. ... 77
W. Watson, c. McWatt b. ... 0
P. May, c. Watson b. Gomez ... 62
D. Compton, not out ... 65
T. Gravney, not out ... 5
Extras ... 5

Total (for three wickets) 214

Wickets fell at 1, 108 and 161.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
King	14	4	42	1
Atkinson	13	7	20	0
Ramadhin	23	9	51	1
Valentine	26	11	57	0
Gomez	12	3	25	1
Walcott	2	0	4	0
Worrell	1	0	10	0

—Reuter.

Brisbane To Have Its Test Match

London, Feb. 11.

England will, after all, play a cricket Test at Brisbane during the 1954/1955 tour of Australia, the MCC, England's ruling body, announced here tonight.

The Australian Board of Control had rejected a request by the MCC that Brisbane be omitted from the Test venues for climatic and financial reasons. An alternative itinerary has been sent for the Australian Board's consideration.—Reuter.

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ENGLAND v. NEW ZEALAND



D. S. Wilson (England) and P. F. Jones (New Zealand) in an arm-in-arm tackle for the ball during the match at Twickenham which New Zealand won by five points to none.

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Seventh Race Meeting will be held tomorrow at the Valley. The main event will be the Ascot Handicap for Class 2 ponies over a course from the 1½-mile post—about 5 furlongs and 170 yards.

Seven other events, two of which are confined to 1954 Subscription Griffins complete the programme. The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE
Beverly Handicap: From 1½-Mile Post.

The opening race is confined to Class 7 ponies and, judging from its second placing at the Annual Race Meeting in the Northern Handicap over six furlongs, Comet, which will again be taken out by Mr Kwok, will probably do better over this distance and is likely enough to win.

Real opposition should come from Hawaiian Moon (Mr H. K. Hung).

Santa Claus (Mr Samarcq), may prove dangerous, although it failed to gain a place the last time out. I believe it is about due for a win.

Dreadnought (Mr Plumbly) and Red Feather (Mr Gregory) are rumbling well at morning gallops and can be relied on to do well here. Either of these two can cause an upset.

SECOND RACE
Doncaster Handicap: One Mile.

This race will be contested by Class 8 ponies with Novice Jockeys as pilots. Souvenir (Mr Albert Lam) will undoubtedly be made hot favourite, and on form it should certainly have a good chance of winning here.

Evergreen (Mr Yen) is the next best bet, but Henrietta (Mr Parsons) and Wild Honey (Mr H. K. Hung) are not to be ignored, especially the former which is not bad over this distance.

THIRD RACE
Ayr Handicap (First Section): 6 Furlongs.

Class 8 ponies will do battle in this race and I think the finish will be fought out between Boyne (Mr Ostroff), Liddle (Mr Chuang), Citation (Mr C. A. Lee) and Rowanglen (Mr Kwok).

Boyne will be carrying 155 lbs., but this ought not to be too severe a handicap as it will be remembered that this pony is another good pony to bear in mind.

LADIES' HOCKEY
The following two Ladies' hockey League matches tomorrow will be played at the Army Ground, Boundary Street, instead of the KGV ground: KGV "B" v Grenlins, at 2.30 p.m.; KGV "A" v DGB, at 4 p.m.

SIXTH RACE
Wetherby Stakes: Six Furlongs.

This sprint race will be contested by 1954 ponies, whether they have started before or not. Ponies which have won \$1,250

or more in stakes are barred. Weight 147 lbs.

I expect the winner to come from among Dilly (Mr Ostroff), Corvete (Mr Boycott), Senorita (Mr F. Noott), and Balsam (Mr Yen).

Dilly came in fourth in the Wanching Stakes at the Annual Race Meeting and seems the likely choice for first place here, but it will have to beat Corvete which has shown improvement during morning gallops.

On the other hand, Senorita is capable of winning, and it keeps up in the early stages of the race it may yet spring a surprise.

SEVENTH RACE
Six Furlongs.

In this sprint race for the second section of Class 8 ponies I don't think it is necessary to look further than Gladious (Mr Chun Kit) for the likely winner. It will be called upon to carry 149 lbs on Saturday, but in view of the fact that it won the Encouragement Handicap for Class 9 ponies over this distance, carrying 143 lbs. at the Annual Meeting, I believe that this pony is capable of shouldering the extra weight and winning.

Norse Lady (Mr Wei), which was second in the Hellos Handicap (First Section) may just about secure second position. A keen struggle should ensue between Desert Gold (Mr Chen Foo) and Blondie (Mr H. C. Woo) for the third position.

EIGHTH RACE
Newmarket Handicap: One Mile.

Class 7 ponies will battle out the finish in this last race of the day and, judging from its third placing in the Western Handicap over 1½ miles at the Annual Meeting, Royal Command (Mr Samarcq) seems to be the best bet for the premier position here.

The danger, of course, is Fighting Spirit (Mr H. C. Woo), which is fighting it at the moment, and this combination should not be ignored.

Then there is Tune-phone (Mr C. A. Lee), but this pony has disappointed so many times that I am not too confident regarding its ability to beat Royal Command or Fighting Spirit.

Hungtington (Mr Boycott) is another good pony to bear in mind.

Strong Overseas Challenge For The All-England Badminton Championships

By JOHN PARRY

London, Feb. 11.

Ten countries are challenging for the All-England Badminton Championships which will be held at London's Empress Hall this year, and from the line-up of entries it looks as though the competition will be the stiffest ever.

Malaya, Denmark, India, New Zealand, Wales, England, Canada, Sweden and Ireland will be present at the Championships, most sessions of which are expected to draw a capacity 8,000 crowd to the famous indoor games. The tournament is scheduled to take place between March 17 and 20.

Malaya has announced its intention of sending two players—Ooi Tel Hok and Ong Poh-lim—direct from Singapore to compete in the Championships.

The Malayan contingent will be further strengthened, however, by the brothers Eddy and David Choong, who have been studying here for several years. Eddy won the Men's Singles title last year and is rated a hot tip in badminton circles to repeat his success this year.

"RUBBER" MATCH

Eddy is at present touring in Canada and has been having some battles royal with Don Smythe, the Canadian Champion, who is also on the entry list for the All-England event.

Smythe beat Choong on their first encounter in Canada, but the Malayan took his revenge in their return match and should the pair meet in the All-England event it will be regarded by both as a "rubber" match.

Smythe was a semi-finalist in the British tournament last year, and will be again accompanied to Britain by his doubles partner, H. E. Porter. The pair may play some exhibitions in the United States with Eddy Choong before coming to Britain.

Only one Indian played in last season's Championship, but this year India will have a team of two.

This Indian team will be spearheaded by T. N. Sesh, a member of the team which competed last season in the Thomas Cup. The other Indian player has not yet been named.

WOMEN'S EVENTS

The women's events, for so long dominated by the Danish women, are likely to continue to be so dominated this season.

Mr Jaffer, who is visiting Sweden during his tour of Europe, said that he had already contacted several people in the Swedish sporting world, including Prince Beril and Mr. Sigrif Edstrom, the former President of the International Olympic Committee.

Mr Jaffer is to attend the world ski championships to be held in North Sweden this month.—France-Press.

RUSSIANS WANT TO SEND TEAM OF 15 ATHLETES TO THE UNITED STATES

Washington, Feb. 11.

The State Department is considering a bid for a Russian track team to enter athletic competition in the United States next month, it was learned today.

The Soviet bid, communicated through the Amateur Athletic Union, is the first to be received here in many years. It is in line with Moscow statements that Russia wants to expand its international athletic competition this year.

A Soviet Embassy spokesman said that the initial request, made more than a month ago

to Dan Ferris, AAU Secretary, was to enter competition in the United States "in March."

State Department officials said that they were considering the Soviet athletic proposal on the basis of a letter received recently from Mr Ferris.

Mr Ferris said in New York that the initial contact made with him by the Soviet Embassy was for 15 track athletes to come to the United States.

Moscow messages earlier this week indicated that the Russian Government was ready to approve Soviet track competition here if the United States agreed.

M. Dmitry Ponomarev, Deputy Minister of Health and chief of the Soviet Central Board of Physical Culture, said that Russia was interested in sending a team to the United States.—United Press.

Rugger Results

London, Feb. 11.

Rugby Union results today were: Hospitals Cup, first round: Charing Cross Hospital 0, Middlesex Hospital 39; King's College Hospital 18, University College Hospital 8.—Reuter.

India Beats S'pore In Hockey Match

Singapore, Feb. 11.

The Indian Hockey Federation team began their Malayan tour with a 3-1 victory over Singapore, the joint state champions this season, in their opening fixture at the Jalan Besar Stadium here today.

The visitors were not at their best as it was the first time their full team were playing under match conditions. Moreover, none of the players had brought out studded boots and the slippery pitch gave them no chance to settle down to their usual style of play.—Reuter.

K. H. IP LOSES

Manila, Feb. 11.

Hongkong's Ip Koon-hung was eliminated in the singles quarter-finals of the Asian Tennis Championships here today losing 6-3, 6-1, 6-1 to Felicissimo Arpon, seeded No. 1 among the local players.—United Press.

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Hongkong, 12th Jan., 1964.

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NOTICE

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday the 6th day of March, 1964, at Noon for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1963, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 19th of February to Friday, the 6th of March, 1964, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board, MICHAEL W. TURNER, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th Jan., 1964.

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